Predictable New York State Funding Needed!

In order to operate a sustainable public transportation system we must have sufficient - predictable funding sources in order to properly plan services for our community. We have been working with our State elected officials to secure additional funding and to change the funding structure on a long-term basis. A change to the funding structure is needed to provide for a more consistent and secure funding stream from the State.

Contact New York State Representatives Now!

The budget is now being considered by the New York State Senate and Assembly. We are asking you to contact New York State leaders and ask them to make funding of Upstate public transportation a priority. Specifically:

1. To provide a $545 million Non-MTA Capital Program which provides parity with the MTA Capital Program.
2. Increase transit operating assistance to Upstate transit by $15 million and to Non-MTA downstate systems by $5 million.
3. To establish a structural fix to the Upstate funding account to provide predictable inflation sensitive funding so future growth is not constrained.

It is essential we remind our state legislators of the importance of public transportation and ask them to make it a priority in the fiscal year 2016/2017 executive budget. The Central New York economy can only grow with a vibrant public transportation system. Our communities need a public transportation system that is reliable and safe to transport citizens to work, health care appointments, retail centers, and to visit with family and friends.

Please let your New York State elected representatives and Governor Cuomo know - public transportation is important to Central New York! Contact information for our elected officials is:

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